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NOTES

French Africa: France's numerous protégé states in Africa, which are overwhelmingly dependent on French assistance, will be hard hit by probable aid cutbacks in the wake of the French domestic crisis.

[redacted] the Elysee has settled on a 20-percent reduction in technical assistance to Africa for 1969 and is considering deferring the start of any new capital investment projects at least until 1970. The technical assistance program has averaged \$140 million annually. Signs of concern on the part of many of the ex-French colonies are mounting, along with indications that they will intensify their efforts to find new sources of help. [redacted]

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